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THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

A recent press release from the U.S. Census Bureau noted that the oldest of the Baby Boomers have turned 60 years old. Tom Brokaw has already claimed that the WWII generation was the "Greatest Ever." So where would the boomers stand?

Baby Boomers refers to the generation born between 1946 and 1964, named because of the spike in births, which occurred after World War II. The oldest in the group has just turned 60 and are just three years away from early retirement. Economists, historians and marketing professionals, have tracked their lives. With their lives lived under a microscope, it will be interesting to see how this generation will be remembered.

Our two most recent presidents, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton are among those who have turned 60. Other well-known celebrities reaching this milestone include Cher, Donald Trump, Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton. These are the names offered by the Census Bureau. Besides the list of celebrities and newsmakers future generations will look at the events that defined the era. In this light, Baby Boomers can make an argument that they are, if not the Greatest Ever, then pretty darn close.

The first of the Baby Boomers turned 18 years of age in 1964. Events from that time and over the next eighteen years will be the criteria for which they will be judged. Significant contributions to culture, science and humanity will be weighed against the devastation and suffering caused by their human action. The first and most defining event was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This was followed by the assassination of his brother Robert and of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Vietnam War was the most defining issue of the day. It was the catalyst for how the youth would change society - forever.

Depending on who is doing the analysis, the culture that the Baby Boomers created in the 60's and early 70's was either liberating or destructive. Rebellion was the call to action, but so was peace. Society was split between traditionalists and a rising population of disgruntled youth. Across the country there were mighty clashes between established pillars of society and an emboldened anti-establishment movement. Protests were conducted over causes like civil rights, racial equality and equal rights for women. Eventually the protest would focus on the war. It was a confusing time that pitted Americans against each other. Half the population was fighting the government, not to overthrow it, but to improve it, while the other half were working in accordance with the government trying to improve it from within. There was traditionalist in positions of power battling both fronts. It seemed that in either case, young Americans were suffering the brunt of the war and government policies. The results of the tumultuous times were a raised level of freedom in America.

This new freedom lifted every segment of society, for the good and bad. Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll was leading the way but right behind them were advances in science and technology that were revolutionary. Advances in health, education, ecology and human services exploded. The Baby Boomers were living and working without the restrictions of the oppressive social standards of past generations.

True, it was the Greatest Generation that laid the groundwork so that "their children could have it better than them." They started the housing boom and increased production of goods and services like never before and they gave birth to 80 million children. America was in an era of unbridled prosperity.

Boomers noticed that things may have gotten a little too reckless and got their parents attention the only way they know how - they threw a tantrum. It worked. 🤪



(above) Peterstown's Rich Scofine in the Vietnam War, the most defining event of the Baby Boomer generation.



(left) St. Anthony's 8th Grade class of 1966 got together for their 40 year reunion. Baby Boomers in attendance were (Bottom row, l-r) Joe Capece, Joyce Mierzejewski, Mary Anne Nufrio, Josa Castagna, Rosemary Coppola, Joanne Manetta, Joelyn Bongiovi,. (Second row from bottom, l-r) Russell Nascondiglio, Paul Troncale, Michele Luisi, Connie DeCesare, Patty Marconi, Jim Caravano, Joe Caravano, Lorraine Cascio, Lorraine Grazio, Ann D'Aries, Biagio Acito. (Third row from bottom, l-r) Vince Kornmeyer, Oscar Petraglia. (Fourth row from bottom, l-r) Sal Signorelli, Bill DePaolo, Leonard (Dino) Annucci, Rosemary Campo, Donna Dippolito, Donna Cutugno, Joe Addressa, Gary Di Girolamo, Bob Vaccaro, Jim Caravano, Sal Milazzo, Steve Mele, Jim Imbriaco.

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

Advances in civilization have proven to increase the quality of life for people. Slavery was omnipresent in the ancient world and existed relatively recently in this country; it is unimaginable today. This is a measure of being civilized. That Aztecs engaged in human sacrifice, although we considered them an advanced culture in their day, the practice is rightfully condemned. There are countless criteria that can be used to measure a society's level of sophistication. In America freedom and equality are being put to a test.

This is not an imagined threat. It is very much real and is proclaimed on a daily basis by Muslim jihadists. It has manifested itself many times around the world over the past thirty years with the most egregious attack happening on American soil on September 11, 2001.

America is battling an enemy that wants to degrade

This belief is being challenged and we may be forced to recognize that there are people who are not our equal, who do not hold the sanctity of life to the level we do. That they, as hard as it may be to imagine, are uncivilized. We cannot stop their threat diplomatically, in a civilized manor. America may have to take a step back in order to move forward in this conflict. Some have criticized us for doing it already. The truth is that we have been acting with great restraint and even so our war on terror seems extreme.

The terrorists are in this battle for the long haul. We need to realize this and act appropriately, that is without restraint. 🎵

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health and then it bit me.

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THE TIES THAT BIND

Tom and Rich both live in Brick , NJ and are still hanging out and traveling together as good buddies. 🐶🐶

We are still interested in learning the names of any other Vietnam Vets who were from Peterstown that were not mentioned.

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UCEDC NAMES ISMAEL GARCIA OF MIRACLE PLAZA "ENTREPRENUER OF THE YEAR"

Ismael Garcia of Miracle Plaza has been named the 2006 "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Union County Economic Development Company (UCEDC).

Miracle Plaza, 1068-72 Elizabeth Avenue, was nominated by the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership (EAP), the downtown management corporation responsible for administering the Elizabeth Avenue Special Improvement District. Miracle Plaza, which is located at the "Gateway" to the Elizabeth Avenue shopping district, combines a full service car wash and oil change facility with a new state-of-the-art 24-hour Laundromat.

The UCEDC Entrepreneur of the Year Award is an annual award presented to an individual who runs a business located within the UCEDC's service area and has demonstrated strong entrepreneurial spirit showing potential for long-term business success and economic growth. In addition, he or she must show a commitment to the community through volunteer activities.

"We really were quite impressed with the EAP's application nominating Miracle Plaza," said UCEDC President Maureen Tinen. "We felt it really embodied the true spirit of entrepreneurship on his part. "He had some stiff competition but we really felt that he was a pure entrepreneur in a tough market and was very deserving of this award."

Ismael is an enterprising young businessman who says he gets his ambition from his father, Diego, a grocery store owner who brought the family here from Cuba in 1970. Like his dad, Ismael always longed to have his own business. This desire combined with his love of cars led him to open his first 10 minute oil

change center in West New York, New Jersey, which he operated for five years. Then, with increased knowledge and experience, Ismael opened Miracle Plaza on Elizabeth Avenue in 1992, and since has expanded a 4,000 square foot car wash into a 17,000 sq. ft three-business, one-stop custom care service center for your car or clothes. The sprawling 135 foot storefront was expanded nearly 100 feet and serves as a clean, vibrant, well-lit gateway to the area.

"I am honored to receive this award and see how much all of my family's hard work has paid off," said Garcia. "I feel that this award validates the hard work my father has put in as a businessman and being that he has never been recognized for any of it, I feel this award is as much for him as it is for me."

"Miracle Plaza was one of the first businesses on Elizabeth Avenue to undergo extensive storefront and expansion initiatives," said EAP executive director, David Strochak. "After Ismael's beautification efforts, other businesses began to follow suite, thus creating a surge in storefront revitalization in the district."

"Ismael's vision served as a great impact to the area where he not only turned one business into three, but cleaned up a 33,000 square foot property, demolishing three dilapidated buildings creating nearly 50 parking spaces, while creating 30 jobs for area residents," said Strochak.

UCEDC a non-profit economic development corporation, is dedicated to stimulating economic growth and creating an environment for progress. UCEDC has been serving the business community for over 25 years, providing an objective and authoritative voice on business and economic development issues.

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CRANFORD GIRL, MAGGIE MUELLER, NAMED NATIONAL HONOREE FOR 2007 ARTHRITIS WALK

The Arthritis Foundation has announced that Maggie Mueller will be the 2007 National Arthritis Walk Honoree. Locally, Maggie Mueller will be working as a volunteer chair of the 2007 Hudson and Union County Arthritis Walk. Mueller will provide leadership for the Arthritis Foundation's annual Arthritis Walk taking place in Jersey City at Liberty State Park on May 6, 2007.

Diagnosed at just age 18 months, Maggie doesn't remember a day without pain and without medications. Each day she takes 12 pills and each week she injects herself three times. You'd think this would make the teen depressed and irritable, but not Maggie. She has said that given the choice, she would not give up having arthritis because it makes her a stronger and more compassionate person.

It is because of that strength, compassion and her commitment to helping others that Maggie Mueller has been selected as the Arthritis Foundation's 2007 National Arthritis Walk Honoree. In 2005, she served as Youth Chair for the Somerset, N.J. Arthritis Walk, spoke with local reporters and formed her own walk team of more than 30 family and friends. In 2006, she continued to serve on the Arthritis Walk committee, was a mentor to the new Youth Chair and has visited local congressional leaders in support of legislation that will benefit people with arthritis.

As the 2007 National Arthritis Walk Honoree, Maggie will represent the nearly 300,000 children with arthritis or chronic joint symptoms in her awareness and fundraising efforts.

A long-time volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation, Mueller was asked to work on the Union and Hudson

County Arthritis Foundation Arthritis Walk because of her leadership skills and passion for helping people with arthritis.

"By teaming up and participating in the Arthritis Walk, corporations and individuals can make a difference in the lives of 46 million Americans who suffer from doctor-diagnosed arthritis," said Maggie Mueller.

Teams are forming now for the Arthritis Foundation Arthritis Walk on May 6, 2007 at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. To register a team or volunteer, contact Andrea Mueller at the Arthritis Foundation at 732-283-4300 ext 329 or register online at www.arthritis.org.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation is the leading health organization addressing the needs of some 46 million Americans living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis, the nation's number-one cause of disability. Founded in 1948, with headquarters in Atlanta, the Arthritis Foundation has 46 chapters and 150 community service points located throughout the country.

The Arthritis Foundation is the largest private, not-for-profit contributor to arthritis research in the world, funding more than \$380 million in research grants since 1948. Through the support of more than 600,000 volunteers, the foundation helps individuals take control of arthritis by providing public health education; pursuing public policy and legislation; and conducting evidence-based programs to improve the quality of life for those living with arthritis. Information is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-568-4045 or www.arthritis.org.



(above, l-r) Maggie at the 2006 "Hero" awards ceremony with Bobby Thomson of the famous "Shot Heard Around the World" legend. Bobby has been involved with the foundation for years

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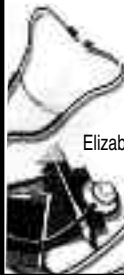
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MICHELINO'S HOSTS TOYS FOR TOTS

(left, l-r) Marines Caero, Jones, Rodriguez, Centeno and Squires.
(below) Janice de Avila of Elizabeth's Midtown SID was a big help to Santa.



Michelino's Pizzeria & Restaurant held a party on Wednesday December 6th to kick off this season's toy drive. The bar/ restaurant, located on the corner of Washington Avenue and South Street is facilitating the Toys for Tots Program for a local Marine Recruiting Station located at 65 Jefferson Avenue in Elizabeth.

The station is located in Midtown Elizabeth, an area designated as a Special Improvement District (SID).

Mike LoBrace, owner of Michelino's is also the Treasurer of the organization which runs the SID.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and they distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Staff Sergeant David Caero, Gunnery Sergeant Tommy Jones, and Officer Alex Rodriguez from the Jefferson Avenue station were joined by Sergeant Major Centeno and Sergeant Major Squire from the State recruiting office to greet guests. Staff from the SID and Michelino's generously gave their time to assist in handling the hundreds of toys that were collected that evening.

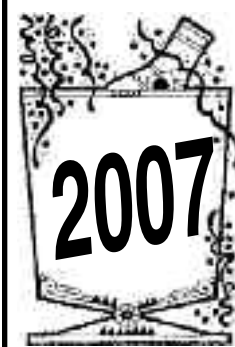
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(above, l-r) Patty Marconi, Connie DeCesare and husband, Dan; Bob Vaccaro with wife, Liz, and Jim, Patty's husband.



(above, l-r) One of the jollier tables: Mary Caravano, Wad's wife, Sal Signorelli, Lorraine Cascio, Bill DePaolo, the Caravano twins Jim and Joe, and Jim "Wad" Caravano.



(above, l-r) Rosemary Campo, Michele Luisi, Josa Castagna, Donna Dippolito, Joyce Mierzejewski, and Donna Cutugno share a table. Apparently they still think Sr. Superior would not want them fraternizing with the guys.

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(above, l-r) Fr. John, Carmen DePaolo, Bill's wife, Rosemary Coppola, Sal Milazzo, Marion and Joe Addressa, discuss the current climate at St. Anthony's.



(above, l-r) Barbara and Joe Capece, Paul Troncale, Russell Nascondiglio, Gary DiGirolamo, Linda and brother Vince Kornmeyer, take a break in between bites.



(above, l-r) Oscar Petraglia, Jim Imbriaco, Mary Anne Nufrio, Mary Ann Mele, and husband, Steve, reminisce about school days with Brother Charles Mayer.

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Mary Anne Nufrio, who traveled the longest distance, from Connecticut, to get to the reunion, was given the honor of cutting the cake. She received a little help from Dino Annucci.



Rosemary Coppola, who with Lorraine Grazio and Biagio Acito helped put together the reunion, is flanked by the Caravano twins.



(above, l-r) Lorraine Grazio, Joanne Manetta, Joelyn Bongiovi and Ann D'Aries have maintained friendships since their St. Anthony's days.

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(above, l-r) Owner of Tequila's Grill, Victor Vinanzaca, gets help behind the bar from his brother, Rubin.

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Tequila's Grill celebrated its grand opening on October 25, 2006. Owner Victor Vinanzaca is a veteran employee of other popular local restaurants. He worked for ten years at Monola's in Elizabeth and then at Amici's in Linden. Tequila's is located at 824 Pearl Street, the former home of Vila Nova Restaurant.

Tequila's has a full menu of fish and seafood dishes offered as lunch or dinner portions. There are an equal amount of appetizers and soups offered along with the entrees. As if the menu items were not special enough, Victor prides his kitchen on his daily specials.

Tequila's Grill is in walking distance of the Union County Courthouse and Trinitas Hospital and attracts customers from them along with employees of the City of Elizabeth. Victor is currently offering a special discount

off the lunch bill for city employees who show their IDs.

Tequila's Grill is also a comfortable setting to sit and have cocktails with friends. There atmosphere is quiet and friendly with a mix of singles and couples sitting on bar stools or at tables.



Recipies

Submitted by Tequila's Grill, Elizabeth, NJ

Steak Tequila

INGREDIENTS

Serloin Steak
Fresh Lemon
Achote (pepper)
Mushrooms
Scallions
Garlic
Olive Oil

PREPARATION:

- 1) Marinade steak with fresh lemon and achote for a minimum of 2 hours.
- 2) Grill steak
- 3) Saute mushrooms, scallions, garlic in olive oil and flambe with a splash of Taquila
- 5) Place steak on serving plate and pour the sauted mix over the steak.

Camacones de Portar al Mar

Shrimp wakened by the sea

INGREDIENTS

7 Jumbo Shrimp
1 Garlic Clove
1 Lemon Wedge
1 Celery Stalk (chopped)
1 Bell Pepper (chopped)
1 Small Onion (chopped)
1 cup Heavy Cream
1 Chipolte Pepper (seeds removed)
Olive Oil
Salt to taste

Choose to serve with Mashed Potatoes or Mexican Rice

PREPARATION:

- 1) Steam Shrimp.
- 1) Saute Celery, Pepper and Onion in Olive Oil until cooked.
- 2) Add shrimp to saute pan and cook until shrimp absorbs flavors.
- 3) Place a serving of mashed potatoes or Mexican rice in the center of serving plate and place shrimp around the serving.
- 4) Stir heavy cream into saute pan and cook until it bubbles.
- 5) Spoon contents of saute pan over shrimp and on top of the potatoes or rice.

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TAPAS OF SPAIN OPENS A SECOND LOCATION

Daniel Palacio celebrated the opening of his second restaurant, Tapas of Spain, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 23, 2006. He also owns a restaurant by the same name on New York Avenue in Elizabeth. The new location is on Routes 1&9 in Linden and was home to the Navigator Restaurant for 22 years. Though the name on the sign has changed the landmark lighthouse still sits on top and the familiar boat still adorns the parking lot. There has been changes made to the interior but still present are the authentic Italian chandeliers from the 1700's.

The two restaurants are quite different in appearance. The new location is a spacious building with separate dinning rooms and a huge bar. It also has a room for private parties that seats up to 100 people. Topas of Spain on New York Avenue, once home to Smoothies

Bar, is a bar/restaurant much more casual. The food in both places is equally delicious. 🍴🍷

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how many people knew

that stretch of Rts. 1&9

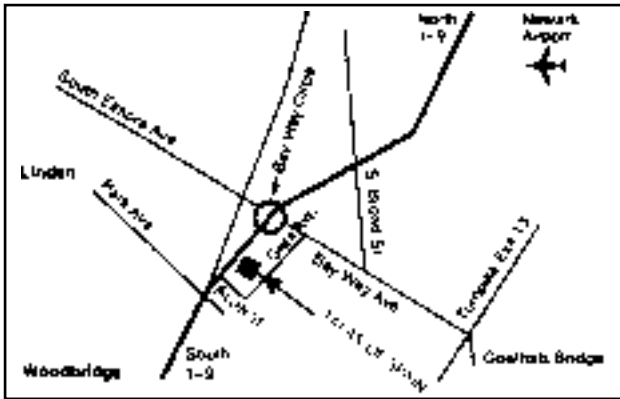
was called Carlton St.?



(above, l-r) Center stage at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Tapas of Spain were Linden Councilwoman Michelle Yamakailis, Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Daniel Palacio, his wife Maria, their children Jessica, Jennifer and Jacqueline, Elizabeth Councilman-elect Nelson Gonzalez and Father John Wass of St. Michael's Church.



(above) The new landmark sign for Tapas of Spain as seen from the north bound lane of Routes 1&9 approaching the Bayway Circle in Linden.



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JOSEPH FARRARA - JO JO TO HIS FRIENDS

Jo Jo Ferrara was 68 when he passed away on November 11, 2006. He was at an age that bridged a gap between the Baby Boomers and their parents. It may have been because he grew up with much older brothers, Paul and Frank, but he had a maturity that allowed him to work and socialize with groups older than he was. Jo Jo was experienced beyond his years and to the guys in the neighborhood that were a dozen or so years younger he was an elder statesman.

Ferrara took a great deal of pride in his neighborhood and was always willing to help someone in need. He especially took the younger guys under his wing. He was more like a big brother than a father figure. He was able to solve problems and be a guide to the younger guys to set them on the right course. He helped the Sons of Peterstown Club get on its feet and clear hurdles as it grew. He supported every community event and encouraged others to get involved.

His love for the community was taught to him by his parents. His mother, Anna, nee Macina, was a midwife and assisted in the births of countless babies in the neighborhood. Anna was a certified midwife when she arrived from Italy when she was 19 years old. Many times she would be paid in trade because money was scarce. His Father Joseph was a carpenter. When it came time to build the steppe on the top of St. Anthony's Church it was he who had skills to do so. Jo Jo went to Elizabeth public schools and graduated Thomas Jefferson High School in 1956. He played football and baseball in high school and later went back to coach football. He went to Upsala on a scholarship and finished his degree at Seton Hall. After college he played catcher for local fast-pitch softball teams. He also coached Pop-Warner Football in Roselle Park.

In 1971 he married Connie Pavese, who moved from Vallata Italy to Elizabeth. They have two children, a son Joseph, who's an electrical engineer with a wife named Amy, and a daughter Anna Gil, who is principal of Christopher Columbus School #15 in Peterstown. She and her husband, Daniel, have two daughters, Gabriela, 20 months and Sofia, 5 months old.

Jo Jo Ferrara will be missed dearly by young and old alike. His passion for the community will be hard to replace.



Joseph Ferrara



(above, l-r) Connie and Joe

(above, l-r) Joe and Connie's children Anna and Joe.



(above, center) Ferrara as a St. Anthony's Alter boy.



(above) Ferrara as lineman for Jefferson High School.



(above) TJ coaches from the 60's, Bob Decker, Gil Grant, Joe Ferrara and Gordori Mills.

(far left) Anna and Joseph Ferrara with Jo Jo between them.

(left, l-r) Jo Jo, center, gets a visit from his brothers Paul and Frank on leave from WWII.

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NEIGHBORHOODS OF ELIZABETH

1) THE PORT 7th Street to Sound. North of Elizabeth Avenue at first Irish and German, then Eastern European Jews. Developed by Edward Kellogg. 1835 as an industrial area. Terminus for “York” road started in 1700's from Philadelphia.

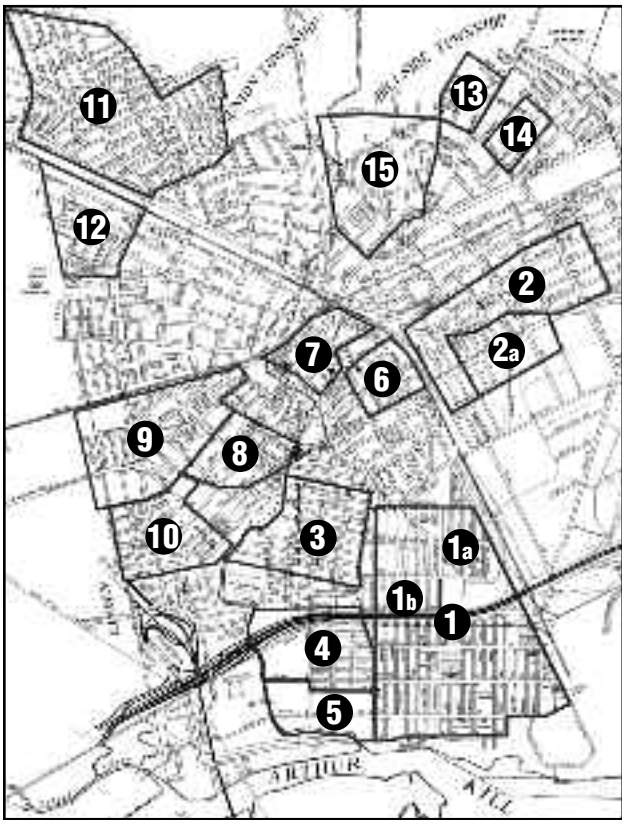
1b) DIAMONDVILLE Local citizens would pick coal from R.R. cars or from area adjoining cars to burn for fuel in winter. Irish, German (Part of Port).

2) **KERRY HEAD “THE HEAD”** James Keirghry of the Kerry Keighry. Captain John S. Cunnings Engine No. 2. Famous local leader. Irish and German. Developed by Edward Kellog in 1850's to 1860's.

2a) THE BUSH Outskirts of Kerry Head toward the meadows.

3) **PETERSTOWN “THE BURG”** George and John Peters owned land which was sold into house lots in 1885. First Irish and German then Italian.

4) FROGHOLLOW East of Atlantic Street south of Elizabeth Avenue west of First Street. Irish, Slavic and Polish. So called because marshes contained many frogs and fishing was excellent for area residents.



5) HELLTOWN First Street to Elizabeth Avenue
Turning left at foot of First Street a block away N.J. Drydock, Nixon's shipyards, (Holland Submarine). "Rope Walk" employed up to 1,000 workers till it burned in 1890's.

6) BRITTAN VILLE Developed in mid 1800's. Area featured "English Gardens". Area approximately from Bridge Street to Central Baptist Church.

7) UPTOWN When First Street area was in its business boom, many stores had branches in both sections.

8) QUALITY HILL Hilltop homes Grier Avenue
South Broad Street, South Street Grove Street,
Williamson Street Mansions the most expensive in
the City. Developed 1860-1890.

9) **GREATER ELIZABETH** South Elmora Avenue
near South Broad Street negotiations with Linden
to incorporate eastern part.

10) BAYWAY Bayway Avenue from Spring Street, Polish and Italian. Jerry Bentley, "Unofficial Mayor" in early period.

11) SHEARER VILLE ELMORA William H. Shearer, developer. Former Superintendent of Schools. Later Elmora 1890's.

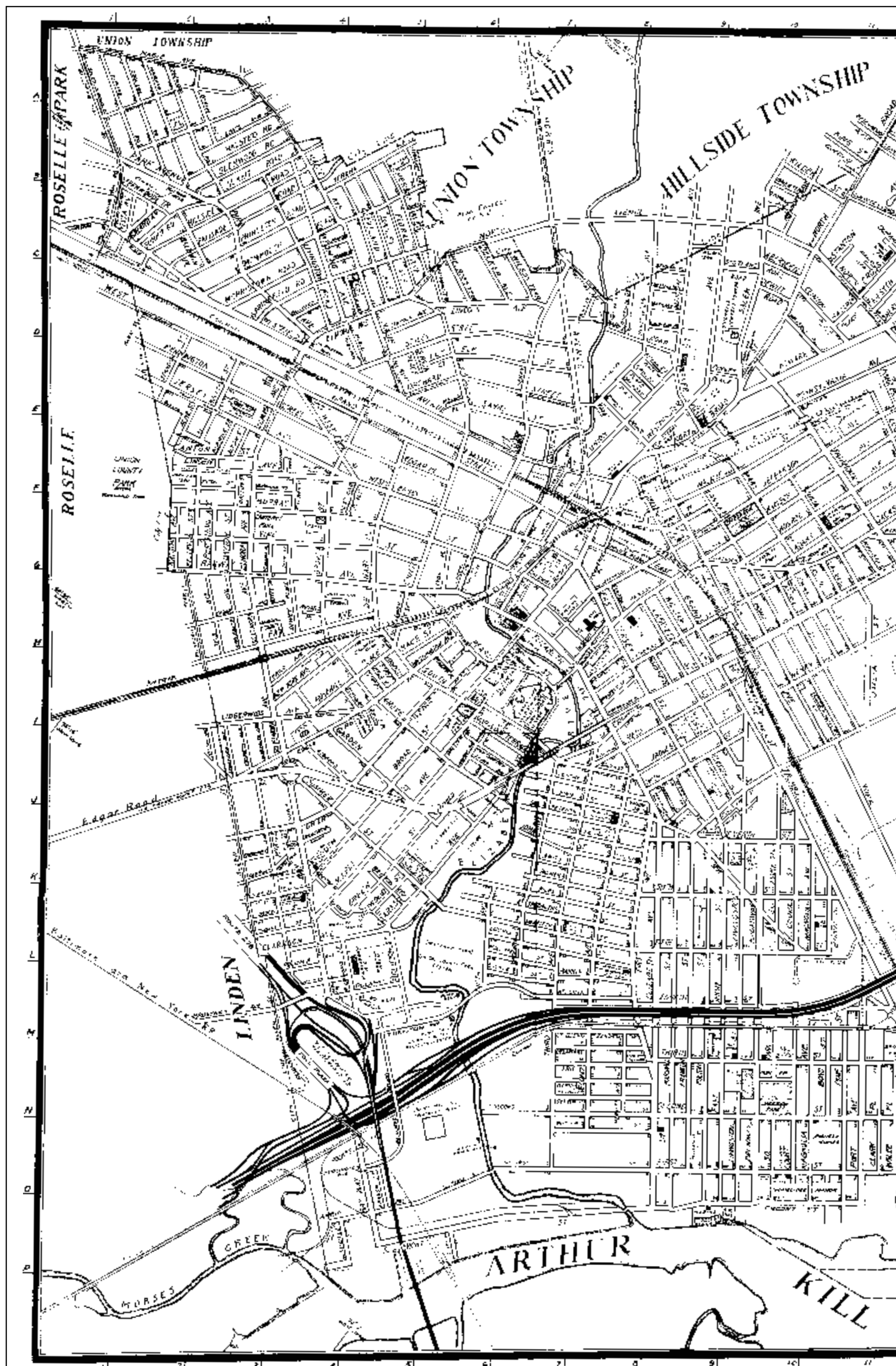
12) WEST END South side of C.R.R. tracks, West of Elmora Avenue.

13) NORTH END Wilder Street and North Broad Street. Almost part of Hillside.

14) ROUTLEDGE Stanton Avenue, Kilsyth Road
Cross Avenue, Wilber G. Quincy and Walter D.
Perkins, developers.

15) WESTMINSTER Developed by Edward J. Grassman in 1920's. Became prestigious area.

Street Legend																	
Abbeville Road	C	10	City Lane	I	7	Fifth Avenue	K	6	Linden Street	F	9	Palmdale Road	C	2	South Broad Street	I	5
Acme Street	E	2	Clayton Terrace	F	3	Fifth Street	L	9	Livingston Road	D	4	Palmer Street	K	7	South Elmwood Avenue	I	3
Adams Avenue	G	10	Clayton Place	N	11	Fleming Street	J	6	Livingston Street	M	9	Paradise Road	L	10	South Fifth Street	I	7
Algonquin Place	D	8	Clarison Avenue	X	5	First Avenue	K	8	Loomis Street	E	7	Park Avenue	B	2	South First Street	O	7
Alma Street	D	13	Cleveland Avenue	C	4	First Street	D	10	Louis Street	L	11	Park Place	M	10	South Front Street	P	5
Alma Street	I	3	Clifton Street	D	5	Flora Street	H	10	Loveland Street	F	7	Park Street	D	1	South Front Street	M	10
Alton Street	F	3	Clinton Place	D	10	Flora Avenue	C	5	Lower Road	B	12	Porton Road	D	8	South Park Street	J	6
Amboy Avenue	O	5	Clover Street	G	3	Florida Street	N	8	Lytle Lane	M	7	Porton Road	F	2	South Park Street	J	6
Amity Street	K	8	Coldley Circle	E	14	Formosa Street (Port Authority)	L	20	Lyle King Street (Port Auth.)	J	19	Porton Road	C	4	South Park Street	J	6
Anna Street	H	10	Cole Place	M	5	Fourth Avenue	K	7	Lyon Place	G	5	Porton Road	M	8	South Second Street	M	6
Applegate Avenue	A	3	Colonia Road	C	1	Fourth Street	M	9	Madison Avenue	F	10	Porton Road	E	3	South Seventh Street	J	7
Arnell Street	K	5	Commercial Place	G	8	Franklin Street	L	8	Maple Avenue	C	4	Porton Road	E	10	South Spring Street	I	7
Aruba Street (Port Authority)	J	20	Concord Place	B	11	Franklin Place	B	12	Maple Avenue	N	10	Porton Road	G	2	South Spring Street	L	15
Atlanta Place	O	12	Coolidge Road	B	1	Front Street	O	9	Maple Avenue	C	9	Porton Road	M	11	South Spring Street	K	7
Atlantic Street	M	7	Corbin Street (Port Authority)	J	19	Front Street	L	9	Maple Avenue	K	4	Porton Road	E	9	South Spring Street	G	10
Augusta Street	C	11	Courtesy Club Lane	B	11	Galloway Hill Road	B	1	Maple Avenue	M	8	Porton Road	L	17	South Spring Street	D	3
Bailey Avenue	C	5	Court Street	M	10	Garden Street	I	4	Maple Avenue	J	8	Porton Road	L	3	South Spring Street	D	2
Baker Place	D	4	Craig Street	F	7	Garden Place	B	12	Maple Avenue	H	7	Porton Road	O	11	South Spring Street	C	11
Baldwin Place	C	2	Crawford Place	C	4	Gibson Avenue	B	5	Maple Avenue	F	9	Porton Road	J	6	South Spring Street	C	11
Bark Street	J	8	Cross Avenue	C	11	General Karga Court	K	4	Maple Avenue	N	12	Porton Road	M	9	South Spring Street	J	5
Barnard Place	D	8	Cross Street	J	8	General Street	N	7	Maple Avenue	L	4	Porton Road	F	6	South Spring Street	G	6
Bauer Terrace	B	10	Cross Street (Port Authority)	K	21	Georgian Court	B	10	Maple Avenue	M	17	Porton Road	C	3	South Spring Street	I	4
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Bayway Circle	J	3	Dartmouth Place	G	5	Glenwood Road	B	3	Maple Avenue	C	3	Porton Road	L	5	South Spring Street	B	3
Bellevue Street	G	2	Delaware Street	M	7	Green Street	K	5	Maple Avenue	I	3	Porton Road	O	12	South Spring Street	M	7
Belvidere Place	D	3	Delmar Street	C	8	Green Street	J	4	Maple Avenue	K	18	Porton Road	L	21	South Spring Street	M	8
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Bond Street	M	10	Dexter Road	D	10	Hart Place	E	11	Maple Avenue	E	12	Porton Road	L	7	South Spring Street	F	8
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Burlington Avenue	D	5	East Midway Place	I	3	Irvington Avenue	D	8	Maple Avenue	D	4	Porton Road	H	4	South Spring Street	C	13
Burnell Street	H	5	East Newark Street	F	3	Isleside Street (Port Authority)	N	21	Maple Avenue	K	3	Porton Road	D	6	South Spring Street	K	1
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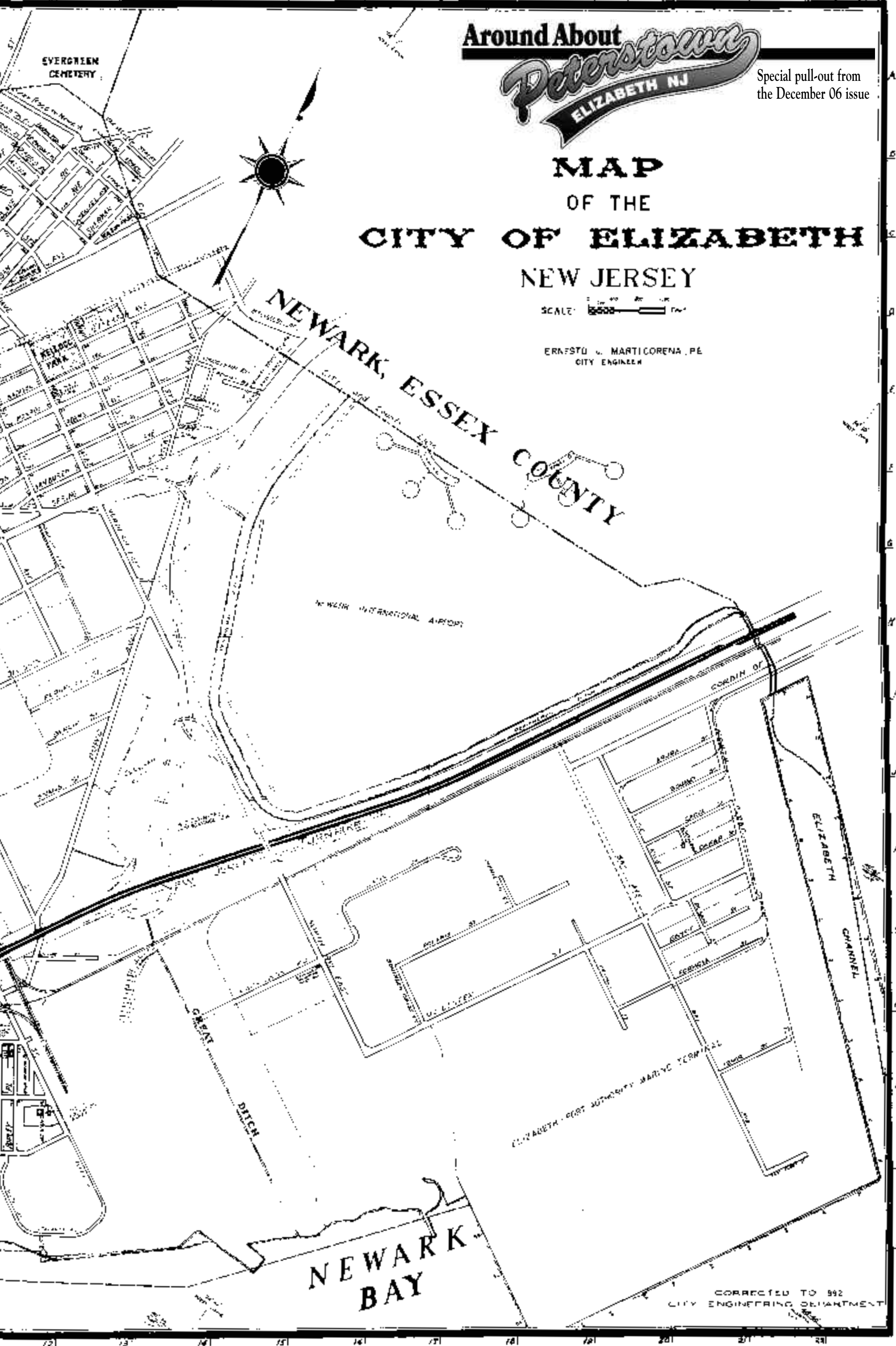
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(above) Winding road in the morning sun.



(above) Mt. Etna in the Background.



(Above) A view from atop Castlemola.

DEBBIE HARRIS'S PHOTOS FROM SICILY



(above, l-r) Patricia Altobelli, Debbie Harris, Diana Friedman, Joanne Arena, Mary Tomasso, Rosemarie Mollozzi, in Savoca, in front of the cafe used in the movie The Godfather when Michael meets his prospective father-in-law.



(above, l-r) In a surprising coincidence, while visiting the ruins of Selinunte, the group happened to run into a friend from back home, Lucille DiGiovine, who happened to be on her honeymoon with her husband Lou Confessore.

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Submitted by *Debbie Harris*

I have always been curious about the Sicilian town of San Giovanni Gemini, the birthplace of my maternal grandparents, Concetta Romano Di Dolce and Giuseppe Di Dolce. With the help of the internet, I began years ago to research my family history and San Giovanni Gemini. Last year when my older sister Diana asked me whether I would be interested in traveling with her to Sicily, I jumped at the opportunity. My husband, Rusty, encouraged me to make the trip with my sister despite his inability to travel with us.

Not too long after I made my decision to travel to Sicily, I was speaking with my childhood friend, Joanne Signorelli Arena, and I mentioned the trip I was planning. Just a few minutes after our telephone conversation ended, Joanne called back and asked whether she and her sister, Mary Signorelli Tomasso, could join us. Their father, Ozzie Signorelli and his family were also from Sicily and Joanne, like me, was thrilled by the idea of seeing the land of her ancestors. Joanne later came to find that her grandmother’s family was also from San Giovanni Gemini and her grandfather’s family was from the town of Cammarata next to San Giovanni Gemini.

Before I knew it, the traveling group had grown to include a few more of our friends, Rosemarie DeRose Mollozzi, Patricia Altobelli and Irene LaBrutto Russo. Shortly after we finalized our travel arrangements, Irene learned she was going to be a grandmother. Both of her sons, Jerry and Christopher, and their wives were expecting babies in October and November. Naturally, Irene could not imagine being out of the country when the new additions to the Russo clan were born, and decided to cancel. As of this writing, Jerry and Mary Russo have welcomed their daughter, Lileana, into the world. Chris and Michele Russo have welcomed their son, Dominic Santo, as well. Congratulations to all of the Russo Family!

The group departed to Italy on October 16, 2006 and before we knew it we were enjoying the sights of Palermo, Agrigento, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Savoca, Siracusa, Forza D’Agro, Cefalu, Selinunte, Castlemola, Calatabiano, Cammarata and San Giovanni Gemini.

From the moment we arrived in Sicily, we were overwhelmed by the beauty of the landscape, the richness of the history, and the wonderful food and wines of Sicily. Most of all, we enjoyed partaking in the rich Sicilian culture. As we roamed the streets of the medieval towns and observed the local people going on with their daily routines, it became apparent why Peterstown (“the Burg”) was the way it was and why its people did some of the things they did. There was no doubt that the Sicilians living in Peterstown brought part of their lives with them when they immigrated to America.

We visited the towns of Savoca and Forza D’Agro, where, contrary to what I thought, Martin Scorsese filmed many of the scenes from The Godfather and

Godfather II. We were even lucky enough to meet a few residents who were extras for the film. I cannot tell you what a rush it was for me to sit in Savoca and sip espresso in the very spot that Michael Corleone visited the father of his future bride, Apollonia. In the film, Apollonia’s father owned the bar/café. In reality an old woman (not the friendliest Sicilian citizen) owns it. Nevertheless, it was a fantastic day for all of us.

As wonderful as our visit to Savoca and Forza D’Agro was, the highlight of the trip and for that matter, of my life, was our visit to San Giovanni Gemini and Cammarata, locally referred to as the “twin towns.” I made the trip with my sister, Diana, Joanne Arena and Patricia Altobelli. Our tour guide, Rosella Bozzo, graciously helped us find a local driver, Francesco. Making the trip even more interesting was the fact that our driver, Francesco, spoke no English and we spoke very little Sicilian. We did manage to explain to Francesco that we were searching for relatives we may have in the twin towns.

The twin towns are perched on the side of a mountain and given this location, we found it amazing that these towns existed at all. Francesco drove us to the top of the mountain via local highways and a winding, narrow road. At the top of the mountain, we came upon San Giovanni Gemini. Our driver, Francesco escorted us to San Giovanni Gemini’s town square where we were met with curious stares from all of the men who were gathered there. Francesco explained who we were and why we were there. One of the men then motioned to us to follow him. We followed him through the cobblestone streets, having no idea where he was taking us. We were all overcome with emotion as we walked the streets of the town. While walking, I had an epiphany – I realized that we were the first members of our family to venture back to Sicily since our grandparents had emigrated over seventy years ago.

Our guide led us to a scene very familiar to all of us as “Burg” girls -- the San Giovanni Men’s Club. The club, which had about twenty tables, was hosting groups of men in various stages of card playing. Again, we were met with curious stares until the man explained who we were and why we were visiting their town. Unfortunately, none of them was able to point us in the right direction. We decided to continue on to Cammarata to search for any members of the Signorelli or Consiglio families who might remain there.

Francesco took us the short distance into the heart of Cammarata. Again, we came upon a sort of town square where men were gathered and we tried to explain the purpose of our visit. Lucky for us there was a teenage boy with the men who spoke fairly good English. The boy explained to the group and suddenly there was a sense of excitement in their voices. The men called out to a man driving by in a truck. Coincidentally this man was actually a “DiDolce” and we learned later, was my mother’s cousin. Apparently, his father and my



grandfather were half-brothers, having the same father, but different mothers. While I was attempting to speak to my mother’s cousin, I heard the men shouting to a woman driving by. This woman it turns out was a “Signorelli” and from what we could gather, a cousin of Joanne’s father, Ozzie Signorelli. We took pictures that day at the San Giovanni Men’s Club, the town squares in San Giovanni and Cammarata, and also with our new found relatives. The day was perfect even as we said our goodbyes and drove off. Unfortunately, the pictures we took that day did not come out. I’d like to think that our grandparents were looking down on us from Heaven that day and smiling because we had visited the place where they were born (and some of our aunts and uncles were born, too).

As a side note, while we were visiting the ruins of Selinunte, and strolling the outside area shopping the little stands for souvenirs, Joanne and I bumped into a woman we had worked with previously. You can imagine our delight in running into each other so many thousands of miles away! The woman, Lucille DiGiovine Confessore was on her honeymoon with her new husband, Lou Confessore. We are still amazed at the coincidence and none of us can believe that in our excitement to see each other, no one took a single photograph.

I also could not tell the story of our trip without mention of Paolo Galati. We met Paolo three days before we were to return home. Paolo was a driver recommended to us by Sebastian, the owner of the hotel where we stayed in Giardini Naxos. Paolo took us to see Castlemola and drove us back and forth on our shopping jaunts to Taormina. He also recommended one of the best trattorias we ate at during our entire stay in Sicily. For some reason, we hit it off. I think he looked at me as a sort of an American aunt. On the night before we were to return to the U.S., Paolo invited us to his home in Calatabiano, where we met his lovely wife, Salvina, and their children. Salvina graciously opened up her home to six strange American women and served us drinks and coffee, all while we tried our best to communicate with one another.

I am sure that all the girls who made the trip with me will agree that this was a trip of a lifetime. We laughed together, cried together, sat in awe of the sights together, sipped limoncello and wine together and our group will always now be remembered among ourselves as the “Sicilian Pussy Cats”. I will leave the rest of you to wonder where that came from. 🐾🐾



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(below) Members constructed a new clubhouse in 1950 on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Amity Street.



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History of the Crestlin Boy's Club taken from its 50th Anniversary program in 1986.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was president for two years, Ford Motor Co. was producing the first V-8 engines, the Lindy, Charleston, and marathon dancing was in vogue during the year 1934. Meanwhile, back on Fourth Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, a club known as the Original Disgusted Millionaires was on the brink of being dissolved due to the hard times prevalent as a result of the greatest depression this country ever had to endure. There were ten remaining members who could not continue to exist as a club, resulting in the termination of this famous Peterstown landmark.

At this point, the late Harry Feminella and his late brother Mike decided to take over the old clubhouse. They concluded the young men of the neighborhood needed a place to congregate. This club had no official name and lasted until 1935.

Following this failure, another young enterprising man by the name of Nick "Doc" D'Antico (now deceased) was determined that he would utilize these new quarters as a club. This particular effort flourished until the summer of 1936. Within a span of two years, three different organizations striving to become a stable meeting spot for the young men of Peterstown went the way of the Model T Ford - out of existence.

After these unsuccessful club formations, a group of 26 young men decided to meet in an attempt to organize a worthwhile and enduring club. And so it happened on July 17, 1936 the Crestlin Boys Club was born. How did it acquire its name is the next question. A young lad named Anthony LaQuaglia, (now deceased) suggested the name of the new club be called Crest denoting this meaning for peak, crown, pride, courage, etc. Then another young man of the original 26 organizers mentioned the addition of the letters lin of which the majority approved and the name became official. On July 22, 1936, legal corporation papers were drawn up and filed resulting in a legalized corporation with the name never to be duplicated in the state of New Jersey.

The dues at this time were the huge sum of \$.25 cents a month, with an initiation fee of \$2.00 plus a two-month advance payment of \$.50 cents.

The motto adopted for the club was "Through peace there is joy". Beautiful indeed. All wondered if this fraternal assemblage would survive and thus avoid the pitfalls of its predecessors. A favorable sign became evident when the membership doubled within two weeks. The new club was truly prospering and its future

looked bright. It would be wise to mention that the birthplace of the Crestlin Club was originally at 648 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

At the first meeting, Anthony Ferrara was elected president, his vice president was Michael Feminella, the secretary was Charley Bisco and the trustees were Anthony LaQualgia and Santo Toso. Now the association began to move forward. In fact, the club became a beehive of activity as the membership engaged in numerous athletic contests including softball, football, basketball and at a later date, ping pong. As a result, numerous awards were won including the 1941 City "AA" Softball Championship. The number of trophies is on display at the present clubhouse.

In the early 1950's it should be noted that a house bowling league was formed through the efforts of brother member Frank Iazzetta (now deceased). The league continued for 35 more years. Many members became proficient in pool billiards, in addition to golfing of which tournaments were once promoted twice yearly.

In the 1930's, also known as the "pot belly stove era", one of which the club owned and used to heat the entire club, adding to this, new members began to see membership in large numbers. This increase of members reflected a trend where more than one family member became Crestlin Boys. Names such as the Bisco's, Melchione's, Feminella's, Squillace's, Malgieri's, DiMaggio's, Cistrelli's, Netta's, Paternoster's, Iazzetta's, Cherichello's, Cassio's, and Lentine's swelled the ranks.

During this decade, the "big band craze" became very popular with the club being swept among its followers. Every year the club sponsored two dances one in Spring and one in Autumn. As a result many members became outstanding "hoofers", meaning they were good, and attended dances in the surrounding towns. What could be more appropriate at this time than selecting the logo of the Crestlin Boys Club as a dancing couple?

In fact, the dances sponsored by our club were the most important social functions of the year. All were well attended and happy occasions for everyone.

As events moved at a rapid pace, this led the club to decide to locate to larger and more spacious quarters. During the year 1937, the club moved to 575 Fourth Avenue about three blocks down the street (Skinny Albano's place).

The club now is presently across the street from that location. The club continued to undertake many

The Crestlin Boy's Club 70th Anniversary party is set for Sunday January 21, 2007 from 1pm to 5pm at Costa's Restaurant, Chestnut Street, Roselle Park. The event will feature Italian buffet along with beer and wine along with a DJ for entertainment.

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activities including the famous yearly Christmas Party for neighborhood children. This became a popular event but ultimately had to be discontinued in later years.

Unemployment at this time was still one of the major ills of our economy affecting most club members. Meanwhile, in Europe, and Asia war clouds began to rise and many countries were becoming involved, especially Germany, Italy and Japan seeking world conquest. Ultimately, our own country was engulfed in this world war on December 7, 1941 as Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Very soon thereafter, as many as 75% of the club members were called into the armed forces. Then tragedy struck home as one of our members, Ralph Veltri, was killed in action in the Pacific Theater, a painful and sad loss for all of the members. A couple of our members became prisoners of war while still others were wounded in action. During this horrible conflict, much credit is to be extended to Charles Montana (now deceased). He was most instrumental in maintaining our club during those bleak days of World War II. Many of our members were now scattered all over the world. What a fine contribution and sacrifice that they have made to insure our freedom. In 1945, the war finally ended and the boys began their trek for home. Things slowly began to return to normal including the lifting of rationing with many new members joining our organization. How prophetic the club's motto of 67 years ago "Through peace there is joy".

The next monumental event in the club's growth was the discussion and planning to build its own clubhouse. Property was purchased directly across the street, 574 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ, the clubs present location.

In 1949 a house was removed from that property. With the assistance of most of the members toward the

erection of the new building, much progress was in evidence and in 1950, a new clubhouse became a reality. Meanwhile, a serious problem arose; namely, the lack of money to meet the club's various building obligations. It was decided that monetary pledges be floated interest free to the members and again, the majority of members responded admirably by loaning the club this needed money. Without this display of loyalty and confidence, the club was destined for financial ruin and in fact it would have been dissolved. The Crestlin Boys spirit reflected itself in triumph. Twenty-eight years elapsed before attention was directed toward the redemption of the pledges. It should be noted that the pledges were issued on a voluntary basis on three different occasions and this brought about the successful building of the present club.

When the year 1977 arrived, our president, Dominick (Mickey) Sorrentino (now deceased), who incidentally led our organization on a sound financial footing, believed that the time had arrived to reimburse the members who held outstanding pledges. This beautiful dream materialized when each member who had pledged their money to the club were paid back in full including the family members of those that had passed away.

The only remaining "Original Charter Member" is Walter Scutro.

At every monthly meeting, the deceased brother members of our club are remembered with a moment of silence. Every November around All Souls Day a memorial mass is held at St. Anthony's Church followed by a communion breakfast. This memorial ceremony has been occurring annually for many years.

(below) Photo from club's 30th Anniversary Dinner-Dance from 1967.

(right) Mickey Sorrentino was president of the Crestlin Club for 41 years, from 1961 until 2002.



CRESTLIN CLUB'S PAST PRESIDENTS	
Year indicates start of tenure that ended with the start of the next president	
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Michael Feminella.....	1937
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Andrew Paternoster.....	1941
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Louis Malgieri.....	1947
Rocco Paternoster.....	1948
Ronald Masterpeter.....	1949
Rocco Paternoster.....	1950
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(above, l-r) Tess and Charlie Bongiovanni on their wedding day in 1949.

(right, l-r) Charlie and Tess after 41 years of marriage.

(below, l-r) Charlie and his grandchildren, Thomas and Katie.



In lieu of flowers, the family asked mourners to make contributions to the Center for Hope Hospice, Father Hudson House, 111 DeHart Pl., Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

(below, l-r) Brothers, Nick and Charlie Bongiovanni



UNCLE CHARLIE LIVED HIS 88 YEARS IN PETERSTOWN

Charles Bongiovanni was born in Elizabeth in 1918. He was one of 12 children born to Vincenzo and Rosa Bongiovanni and lived in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth all his life. He was a lifelong member of St. Anthony's Church.

He was educated in Elizabeth and graduated Thomas Jefferson High School and served in the Army in WWII in the Pacific Theater. He attained the rank of staff sergeant. Charles was employed his entire career by the Singer Manufacturing Company in Elizabeth as a methods engineer in the screw department.

Charles met his wife, Tess Tenore, as teens while playing in the School 3 playground. They married in 1949 and were married 41 years. Tess taught for many years in Elizabeth at Washington, Cleveland, Jefferson and finally Elizabeth High School.

Bongiovanni was a long time member of the Crestlin Boys Social Club of Elizabeth, and a member of their bowling league. He volunteered for the Benedictine Sisters at their Sunday and Monday night bingos for many years. He also volunteered with Junior Achievement. He loved to grow his vegetables and would brag with Gus Osnato about their "cuccuzza".

Charles and his Tess, who is also deceased, had one daughter, Marie, who is married to Thomas Schaible. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Leo and Rosalie Marsico; a brother, Nicholas Bongiovanni, and two grandchildren, his pride and joy, Mrs. Katie Schneider and Thomas Schaible.

Marie's memories of her parents focus on the way she says they taught her how to love, share and just be there for her family. For Marie, growing up as an "only child" was not as people thought. She remembers that there were always a few cousins in tow when she went on vacation or a day trip. To her many cousins her dad was "Uncle Charlie"

Marie believes her father's greatest attributes were his sense of family and his faith. If someone was in the hospital, it was him who was went to visit, to give a shave or just sit by the bedside. He visited his infirmed friends weekly and wouldn't miss a visit no matter the weather or his health.

Marie said "During the last 6 years he was ill, one of the highlights he looked forward to was reading the *Peterstown Newspaper*. He just loved to reminisce about his neighborhood and friends." 🍀

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JAZZ GREAT FRANK VICARI REMEMBERED BACK HOME

Frank Vicari, 75 of New York City died on October 20, 2006 in New York University Medical Center.

Originally from the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ, Vicari lived in New York City for the past 27 years. He began his career as a musician playing in jazz clubs in Newark while he was still a teenager.

He served in the US Air Force where he played saxophone in various service bands. In the early 1960's Vicari was the lead tenor saxophone player in Maynard Ferguson's Band. He moved on to play with Buddy Rich and was a member of Woody Herman's Thundering Herd. Frank lived for several years in St. Thomas where he played seven nights a week in local jazz ensembles. When he returned to New York City he toured and recorded with White Elephant, the Saturday Night Live Band, and many prominent performers including Tom Waits, George Benson, Dave Matthews, James Brown, John Lennon, J. Geils, Tony Bennett and Bette Miller. Right up until his death he was a regular performer at "The Garage" on Seventh Avenue in NYC. He was a member of the Musician Local 802 Union.

His parents Anthony and Lillian Vicari and his brother Salvatore "Vax" Vicari predeceased Frank. Surviving are his wife Grushenka, daughter, Elaine Mazuca, two sons Ken and Andre, his sister Marian Falco, 3 grandchildren, and his Aunt Connie.

A memorial service was held at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth, NJ on November 6, 2006. 🍀



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Anthony Barile and the former Louise LaFerrara were married at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth on October 20, 1946.

Anthony Barile was a detective with the Elizabeth Police Department for 29 years before retiring in 1981. He also served in the Army during World War II.

Both are members of the Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary #73 of Elizabeth and have served as Department State Commanders in 1972-73. Mr. Barile is a member of the Union Elks, Knights of Columbus and the Retired Police and Fireman's Organization. Louise Barile was an executive secretary at Exxon and City Federal Savings Bank before retiring.

They have a son Frank of Elizabeth, a daughter Ann Louise and her husband John Barra of Roselle Park who have two daughters and two sons. John Barr, Jr. of Pennsylvania, Gina and her husband Vincenzo Fernicola of West Paterson, Anthony and Christina Barra of Cape May and Julie and Steve Cennamo of Union. They have two great-grandchildren, Francesca and Angela Fernicola.



(above) Louise and Anthony celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996.
(right) Louise and Anthony in 1946.



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